

## “Genealogies, Nations, and God’s Story” – Genesis 10-11

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These chapters reveal the \_\_\_\_\_ hand of God in establishing the \_\_\_\_\_ for His purposes through all of history...

Sons of \_\_\_\_\_ – father of Indo-European peoples – Europe & parts of Asia

Cf. 9:27 – “May God enlarge Japheth and let him dwell in the tents of Shem...” – Indeed God has!

Sons of \_\_\_\_\_ – father of peoples who moved into north Africa – Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya – and Arabia and Far East (oriental countries)

Cf. 9:25 – “Cursed by Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers.” Indeed God has!

Sons of \_\_\_\_\_ – father of Israel – Semites – settled east of Mesopotamia in Babylon and Assyria

Cf. 9:26 – “Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem...” – Indeed God is!

So what? Cf. Acts 17:24ff

\*The God of all \_\_\_\_\_ (thousands of years) and all \_\_\_\_\_ (billions of people) is \_\_\_\_\_ and able to be the God of your individual life of less than one hundred years...so \_\_\_\_\_!

These chapters reveal the \_\_\_\_\_ heart of man as he seeks to establish himself \_\_\_\_\_ of and apart from God

First, we are introduced to the man – Nimrod – 10:8-10

...He was \_\_\_\_\_ – a man of great power and reputation

...He was a \_\_\_\_\_ – name from “to rebel” – a warrior / despot

...He was a man set on a \_\_\_\_\_ – HIS kingdom

Second, we are introduced to the man’s mission – an empire w/out God 11:1-9

...Their \_\_\_\_\_ – “Come, let us build ourselves a city / civilization”

In rebellion against God’s command to “fill the earth” – 9:1

\*If God is able to \_\_\_\_\_ His people in His perfect \_\_\_\_\_ and in His perfect \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill His perfect will, don’t you think He is worthy / able to orchestrate your comings and goings today...so \_\_\_\_\_!

...Their \_\_\_\_\_ – “...and a tower with its top in the heavens.” To establish a \_\_\_\_\_ religion

...Their \_\_\_\_\_ – “...and let us make a name for ourselves.”

This is all about \_\_\_\_\_ v. \_\_\_\_\_. Cf. Psalm 115:1; Isaiah 42:8

Even the grandest attempts at man's self-glorification are nothing to a God  
Who is high and exalted

\*Isn't it true that self-glory leads to \_\_\_\_\_ and alienation while a  
God-glory focus leads to \_\_\_\_\_ and restoration.

Secular humanism is alive and well today

Secular humanism = man's attempt / determination to \_\_\_ life without  
God...to \_\_\_\_\_ life without God...to be \_\_\_\_\_ to  
God – it is alive and well today

\*\*But we often fall prey to “pragmatic humanism” – that is – knowing it is  
not true, yet living \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks be to God, there is a third “Come” in Scripture...

Isaiah 1:18 – “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though  
your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red  
like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

Have you come to Him and experienced His grace / forgiveness?

What in your life do you need to entrust to Him all over again today?

The God Who is sovereign over the nations...

Who is faithful to His promises of salvation...

Is worthy to be trusted with your life and everything in it!